

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (previously presented): A computer-implemented method for selecting a final option comprising at least two destinations, comprising:

displaying a plurality of components received in said client computer, each of said plurality of components having a parameter;

selecting by a client at least one of the plurality of components;

manipulating by the client information for at least one parameter of the at least one selected component;

transmitting by the client computer to a server said manipulated parameter information received from said client for said selected ones of said components;

calculating by the server a plurality of options, each of said plurality of options comprising at least one suboption that corresponds to a value of one of said selected ones of said components, the at least one suboption is selected in accordance with said received manipulated parameter information, each of the at least one suboption represents inventory manipulated by a seller in real-time;

receiving by said client computer from said server the calculated plurality of options;

creating by the client a final option based on selecting at least two suboptions from at least two of the received plurality of options and requesting by the client a reservation of the created final option;

transmitting by the client computer to said server said created final option and the reservation request;

generating by the server a confirmation that the final option is reserved for the client in response to the transmitted reservation request; and

transmitting by the server to the client computer the generated confirmation.

2. (previously presented): The method of claim 1, further comprising:
coupling said client computer to a network via a communications device;
providing said client with a single user interface;
viewing by said client said at least two destinations via the single user interface; and
generating by said client a single itinerary having a single price via the single user interface.

3. (previously presented): The method of claim 1, further comprising said client selecting multiple airfares in a sequence of said at least two destinations.

4. (previously presented): The method of claim 1, further comprising:
sorting by the server said calculated plurality of options according to price; and
transmitting by the server to said client the plurality of options sorted in a predetermined order based on the price.

5. (previously presented): The method of claim 1, further comprising:

transmitting by said client computer user-generated payment information to said server in response to said confirmation; and

receiving by said client computer one of an approval and a denial of said final option in response to said user-generated payment information.

6. (previously presented): The method of claim 5, wherein said client computer transmitting user-generated payment information comprises said client computer transmitting to said server at least one of payment account information, billing address, company name, telephone contact information, and electronic mail address of said client.

7. (previously presented): The method of claim 1, further comprising:
said client computer receiving a user-generated discount code indicative of a discount criteria of said client;
transmitting said discount code to said server;
generating by the server a discount corresponding to said discount code.

8. (previously presented): The method of claim 1, wherein said seller comprises a vendor selling said inventory via said server, and the server updates a datastore storing said inventory by changing availability of said inventory in response to said final option.

9. (original): The method of claim 8, comprising said vendor selling said at least one suboption comprising one of a hotel room, a vehicle rental, an air transportation ticket, a travel tour and a travel service or a product.

10. (previously presented): The method of claim 1, wherein said providing the user with the transmitted generated confirmation further comprises said client computer receiving said confirmation from said server for at least one of said seller and a travel agent.

11. (previously presented): The method of claim 1, wherein said displaying comprises displaying said plurality of components comprising at least one of lodging accommodations, surface transportation options, air transportation accommodations, and reservation options received in said client computer.

12. (previously presented): The method of claim 11, wherein said transmitting to the server said manipulated parameter information received from said user for said selected ones of said components comprises transmitting parameter information for at least one of:

said air transportation accommodations comprising at least one of desired travel dates, desired travel times, desired airlines, and desired flight requests;

said surface transportation options comprising at least one of desired vehicle type, desired vehicle rental price, and desired vehicle rental company;

said lodging accommodations comprising at least one of specific room type, hotel classification, hotel chain, and hotel rating; and

said reservation options comprising surface tours, travel insurance, luggage, clothing, video entertainment, audio entertainment, and food products.

13. (previously presented): The method of claim 1, further comprising:

said user combining at least one first suboption of a first option with at least one second suboption of a second option creating said final option; and

said client computer transmitting said at least one first suboption and said at least one second suboption to said server; and

calculating by the server a price for said created final option based on the transmitted first and second suboptions.

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71. (previously presented): A computer-implemented method for generating a customized travel package comprising:

displaying a plurality of components at a client computer, at least some of said plurality of components having a parameter;

selecting by a client at least one of the displayed plurality of components;

manipulating by the client information for at least one parameter of the at least one selected component;

receiving by the server from the client computer a first input signal having the selected components and the manipulated at least one parameter;

calculating by the server a plurality of options, each of said plurality of options having a suboption comprising a value corresponding to one of said plurality of components, and said value is generated in accordance with said user-determined value of said parameter;

receiving by the client computer from the server the calculated plurality of options;

selecting by the client various suboptions from at least two of the plurality of options;

receiving by the server from the client computer the selected various suboptions; and

creating by the server the customized travel package comprising a plurality of destinations corresponding to said components, in an itinerary having a single price; and

receiving the created customized travel package by the client computer from the server for displaying the customized travel package to the client.

72. (previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 71, further comprising allowing, by a user interface, said user to view said displayed customized travel package, including said components corresponding to said destinations.

73. (previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 71, wherein said plurality of options are sorted according to price.

74. (previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 71, further comprising:

the server receiving a user-generated payment information in response to an information request from the client; and

the server transmitting to the client computer one of an approval and a denial signal in response to said user-generated payment information.

75. (previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 74, wherein said payment information comprises at least one of payment account information, billing address, company name, telephone contact information, and electronic mail address of said user.

76. (previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 71, further comprising outputting purchase terms and conditions corresponding to the calculated customized travel package and outputting a confirmation.

77. (previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 71, further comprising determining a discount code indicative of a user discount.

78. (previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 77, wherein said discount code is a user-generated location code.

79. (previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 71, further comprising a third party inputting information comprising one of text information, a location indicator, and rating information for said at least one suboption.

80. (previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 71, further comprising a third party controlling inventory of said at least one suboption in response to availability of said inventory.

81. (previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 80, wherein said third party comprises a vendor that controls inventory of said at least one suboption comprising one of a hotel room, a vehicle rental, an air transportation ticket, a travel tour and a travel product/service item.

82. (previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 71, further comprising generating a confirmation message by said server and providing the generated confirmation message to at least one of the client, a third party, and a travel agent.

83. (previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 71, wherein said plurality of components comprise at least one of lodging accommodations, surface transportation options, air transportation accommodations, and reservation options.

84. (previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 83, wherein said parameters for said air transportation accommodations comprise at least one of desired travel dates, desired travel times, desired airlines, and desired flight requests.

85. (previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 83, wherein said parameters for said surface transportation options comprise at least one of desired vehicle type, desired vehicle rental price and desired vehicle rental company.

86. (previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 83, wherein said lodging accommodations comprise at least one of specific room type, hotel classification, and hotel chain.

87. (previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 83, wherein said parameters for said reservation options comprise at least one of surface tours, travel insurance, luggage, clothing, video entertainment, audio entertainment and food products.

88. (previously presented): The client system of claim 83, wherein said customized travel package comprises at least one first suboption of a first option and at least one second suboption of a second option to calculate said customized travel package.

89. (currently amended): A computer-implemented system for selecting a final option, comprising:

- a plurality of parameters, each of said parameters configured to store information;
- a plurality of components simultaneously presented in a display of a computer, each of said plurality of components displaying at least one of said plurality of parameters in said display;

an information source that provides said information stored in at least one of said plurality of parameters in response to said display;

a plurality of options calculated by the computer in response to said information, each of said plurality of options comprising at least one suboption having a value corresponding to selected ones of said plurality of components, said plurality of options selected in accordance with said stored information for a plurality of destinations; and

an inventory monitor that classifies said at least one suboption as one of available and unavailable, prevents said unavailable suboption from inclusion in said plurality of options and allows said available suboption to be included in said plurality of options, wherein said final option is selected from said plurality of options;

~~wherein said system is executed by software instructions, said software instructions are recorded on computer-readable medium.~~

90. (original): The system of claim 89, further comprising a communicator that allows remote access via a communications device and a user interface that facilitates communication.

91. (original): The system of claim 89, wherein said plurality of options is sorted by a characteristic of each of said plurality of options.

92. (original): The system of claim 91, wherein said characteristic is a price of each of said plurality of options.

93. (original): The system of claim 89, further comprising:
payment information provided by a user; and
one of an approval and a denial of said final option in response to said payment information.

94. (original): The system of claim 93, said payment information comprising at least one of payment account information, billing address, company name, telephone contact information and electronic mail address of said user.

95. (original): The system of claim 89, further comprising:
purchase terms and conditions displayed to said user for approval; and
a confirmation sent to said user in response to a purchase of said final option.

96. (original): The system of claim 95, further comprising providing to said third party a plurality of said confirmations generated during a predetermined interval, wherein said third party receives said plurality of confirmations on a daily interval.

97. (original): The system of claim 95, wherein one of said third party and a travel agent receives said confirmation.

98. (original): The system of claim 96, wherein said confirmation comprises one of a facsimile, electronic mail, pager, voicemail and hard copy as said confirmation.

99. (original): The system of claim 89, further comprising a user-generated discount code indicative of a user discount criteria.

100. (original): The system of claim 99, said user-generated discount code comprising a user location code.

101. (original): The system of claim 89, further comprising a third party that provides said at least one suboption to a user, and confirms and changes available inventory of said at least one suboption in response to said final option selected by a user.

102. (original): The system of claim 101, wherein said third party comprises a vendor selling said at least one suboption that comprises at least one of a hotel room, a vehicle rental, an air transportation ticket, a travel tour and a travel product/service item.

103. (original): The system of claim 89, said plurality of components comprising at least one of lodging accommodations, surface transportation options, air transportation accommodations, and reservation options.

104. (original): The system of claim 103, wherein said parameter information for said air transportation accommodations comprises at least one of desired travel dates, desired travel times, desired airlines and desired flight requests.

105. (original): The system of claim 103, wherein said parameter information for said surface transportation options comprises at least one of desired vehicle type, desired vehicle rental price and desired vehicle rental company.

106. (original): The system of claim 103, wherein said parameter information for said lodging accommodations comprises at least one of specific room type, hotel classification, and hotel chain.

107. (original): The system of claim 103, wherein said parameter information for said reservation options comprises at least one of surface tours, travel insurance, luggage, clothing, video entertainment, audio entertainment and food products.

108. (original): The system of claim 89, wherein said final option comprises at least one first suboption selected from a first option and at least one second suboption selected from a second option.

109. (original): The system of claim 89, further comprising a memory device that stores said final option for a prescribed time interval.

110. (original): The system of claim 89, further comprising an external reservation system that receives at least one of said plurality of components.

111. (original): The system of claim 110, wherein said plurality of components comprises an airline reservation from said external reservation system.

112. (original): The system of claim 89, wherein one of said user, a travel agent and a third party accesses said inventory monitor.

113. (previously presented): A server system for generating a customized travel package, comprising:

a processor, and

a memory including software instruction,

wherein the processor is configured to perform the steps of:

displaying a plurality of components, each of said plurality of components having a parameter configured to store information provided by a user; and

receiving information for said parameter of at least one of said plurality of components, said information is provided by the user;

calculating a plurality of options, each of said plurality of options including at least one suboption having a value selected in accordance with said user-provided information and said at least one suboption corresponding to one of said plurality of components;

receiving user selection of a plurality of suboptions from at least two of said plurality of options;

calculating by the processor said final option having a plurality of destinations based on the received user selection, wherein said final option is the customized travel package; and

adjusting, in response to a vendor's request, availability and price of said plurality of options in accordance with inventory levels of said at least one suboption.

114. (original): The server system of claim 113, wherein said server system is coupled to a remote server via a communications device, and said display is a user interface accessible via a communication network.

115. (original): The server system of claim 113, wherein said server system sorts said plurality of options according to price and displays said sorted plurality of options to said user, with a single price for each of said options.

116. (original): The server system of claim 113, further comprising one of a facsimile, electronic mail, pager, voicemail and hard copy confirmation sent to said user and indicative of a final purchase of said final option.

117. (original): The server system of claim 113, further comprising:
payment information provided from said user to said server system and indicative of a purchase request for said final option;

one of approval and a denial of said final option generated by said server system in response to said payment information;

an invoice received in said server system from said third party, said invoice initiating a transfer of funds from said client escrow account to said third party.

118. (original): The server system of claim 117, said payment information step comprising at least one of payment account, billing address, company name, telephone contact information and electronic mail address data received by said server system from said user.

119. (original): The server system of claim 113, further comprising a discount code received in said server system from said user and indicative of a user discount criteria.

120. (original): The server system of claim 113, further comprising said server transmitting to said user interface one of textual information, a location indicator and rating information for said at least one suboption stored in said server system.

121. (original): The server system of claim 113, wherein said third party comprises a vendor that sells said at least one suboption via said server system.

122. (original): The server system of claim 121, said one suboption comprising one of hotel rooms, vehicle rentals, air transportation, travel tours and items.

123. (original): The server system of claim 113, further comprising a third-party central reservation system coupled to said server system and receiving said at least one suboption.

124. (original): The server system of claim 123, wherein said third-party external reservation system components comprises an airline reservation.

125. (original): The server system of claim 113, wherein one of said user, a travel agent and said third party accesses a plurality of said final options generated by said server system.

126. (previously presented): The server system of claim 125, wherein a confirmation is sent to one of said third party and a travel agent, and fixer comprising a plurality of said confirmations generated by said server system during a predetermined time interval.

127. (original): The server system of claim 125, wherein said predetermined time interval comprises a daily interval.

128. (original): The server system of claim 113, wherein said plurality of components comprises lodging accommodations, surface transportation options, air transportation accommodations and reservation options.

129. (original): The server system of claim 128, wherein said parameter for said air transportation accommodations comprises at least one of desired travel dates, desired travel times, desired airlines and desired flight requests, wherein:

said parameter for said surface transportation options comprises at least one of desired vehicle type, desired vehicle rental price and desired vehicle rental company;

said parameter for said lodging accommodations comprises at least one of specific room type, hotel classification, and hotel chain; and

said parameter for said reservation options comprises at least one of surface tours, travel insurance, luggage, clothing, video entertainment, audio entertainment and food products.

130. (currently amended): A user interface ~~implemented on~~ generated by a computer for selecting an option, having a first screen that comprises:

a first object ~~implemented by the computer~~ comprising at least one field for a user to enter information corresponding to an itinerary;

a second object ~~implemented by the computer~~ comprising a plurality of components indicative of corresponding travel options, each of said components having at least one parameter that receives parameter information from a user, and each of said travel options having a plurality of sequential destinations; and

an activation object that transmits via a communication system said information entered by said user in said first and second objects to a processor that monitors and determines availability of a suboption corresponding to one of said plurality of components, said processor generating a plurality of options in accordance with an inventory level of each of said plurality of components.

131. (previously presented): The user interface of claim 130, wherein said user interface communicates with a remote server via a communications device and displays data received from the remote server.

132. (original): The user interface of claim 130, wherein said user interface transfers said parameter information to a server and displays a final option from said plurality of options, for said plurality of destinations.

133. (original): The user interface of claim 132, wherein said user interface receives object information from, and transmits user-entered information to, a server.

134. (original): The user interface of claim 130, further comprising a second screen for said user interface to display said plurality of options in a sorted order.

135. (original): The user interface of claim 130, further comprising a second screen comprising:

a third object that receives and displays payment information provided by said user to said processor provided by a server in response in a user selection of one of said plurality of options; and

a fourth object that displays one of an approval and a denial said user's selection in response to said payment information.

136. (original): The user interface of claim 135, said third object comprising at least one field for said payment information comprising payment account information, billing address, company name, telephone contact information and electronic mail address.

137. (original): The user interface of claim 130, wherein said plurality of components in said second object comprises at least one of lodging accommodations, surface transportation options, air transportation accommodations, and reservation options.

138. (original): The user interface of claim 137, wherein said parameter information for said air transportation accommodations comprises a field for at least one of desired travel dates, desired travel times, desired airlines and desired flight requests, wherein:

said parameter information for said surface transportation options comprises a field for at least one of desired vehicle type, desired vehicle rental price and desired vehicle rental company;

said parameter information for said lodging accommodations comprises a field for at least one of specific room type, hotel classification, and hotel chain; and

said parameter information for said reservation options comprises a field for at least one of surface tours, travel insurance, luggage, clothing, video entertainment, audio entertainment and food products.

139. (original): The user interface of claim 130, further comprising a second display comprising an object that allows a user to match at least one first suboption from a first selected

option with at least one second suboption from a second selected option to generate a third selected option.

140-151 (canceled).

152. (previously presented): A computer system adapted to generate a travel package, comprising:

a processor, and

a memory including software instructions;

wherein said software instructions configure the processor to perform the steps of:

displaying at least two travel groups, each group comprising at least two tourism products or services;

receiving client selection comprising a travel group and information input by the client for every desired tourism product or service of the travel group;

generating values for each of the tourism product or service in the selected travel group based on the information input by the client;

displaying the generated values for each of the at least two tourism products or services in the selected travel group;

receiving client selection of a displayed value for each of the at least two tourism products or services of the selected travel group; and

creating a travel package based on the client selection of the displayed values.

153. (previously presented): The computer system according to claim 152, wherein the client selects only one value of the displayed values for at least two of the desired components, and wherein the generated travel package is a customized package based on the user selections.

154. (previously presented): The computer system according to claim 152, wherein said software instructions configure the processor to further perform the steps of:

calculating a final price for the created travel package;
modifying the final price by applying a discount calculated based on residence information of the client; and
displaying the travel package with the modified final price.

155. (previously presented): A computer-readable medium having computer readable instructions which when executed by a computer cause the computer to implement a method for generating a customized travel package comprising:

displaying at least two different travel groups, each travel group comprising a plurality of components;

receiving a first user selection comprising a travel group from the at least two different travel groups and information input by the user for every component in the selected travel group;

creating travel packages for the selected travel group based on the information input by the user, each of the travel packages comprising a value for every component of the selected travel group;

displaying the generated travel packages;
receiving a second user selection comprising of selecting at least one component from at least two of the displayed travel packages; and
generating a customized travel package based on the second user selection.

156. (previously presented): The computer-readable medium according to claim 155, wherein the components comprise an airline ticket, an available hotel room, and an available rental car.

157. (previously presented): The computer computer-readable medium according to claim 155, wherein the method for generating a customized travel package further comprises calculating a price for the customized travel package.

158. (previously presented): A computer-implemented method for generating a customized travel package, comprising:

displaying by a computer at least two travel groups, each group comprising a combination of a plurality of components, said combination being different from other of the at least two travel groups and said plurality of components comprising air travel, hotel accommodations, and car rental;

receiving by the computer a first client selection comprising a travel group and information input by the user for every desired component of the travel group;

calculating by the computer travel packages, each of the travel packages comprising a value for each component in the selected travel group based on the information input by the user;

displaying by the computer the calculated travel packages;

receiving by the computer a second client selection of components selected from the displayed travel packages, at least two of the selected components are selected from different displayed travel packages; and

creating by the computer a customized travel package based on the second client selection; and

displaying by the computer the created customized travel package.

159. - 163. (canceled).

164. (previously presented): The computer-implemented method according to claim 1, further comprising when executing said calculating of the plurality of options, for each of the plurality of calculated options, checking by the server on-the-fly availability of the inventory corresponding to a suboption of the option being calculated.

165. (new): The computer-implemented method according to claim 1, wherein the manipulating comprises inputting a value for said at least one parameter of the at least one selected component.

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166. (new): The computer-implemented method according to claim 1, wherein the created final option is a customized travel package.